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REPLY TO ACTION OF FEBRUARY 10, 2006

In reply to the Office Action of February 10, 2006, Applicants submit the following remarks.

Claims 1-23 have been rejected as anticipated by Holzner (U.S. 4,803,195). This rejection is traversed. Applicants will discuss this rejection as it applies to each of Applicants' independent claims in turn.

Claim 1 features an antiperspirant or deodorant composition having "a plurality of visible capsules dispersed therein." As noted at page 1, lines 21-22 of the specification, the term "visible" means visible to the naked eye (i.e., without magnification). The compositions described by Holzner do not include visible capsules. Instead, the capsules described by Holzner are on a microscopic scale. Holzner describes a perfumed base that may be in microencapsulated form (see, e.g., col. 1, lines 9-11, and col. 3, lines 21-32). Holzner also describes, in Example 9, a "re-encapsulation" process during which the perfume base is at times in the form of microcapsules and at other times in direct contact with the air (col. 8, line 59 – col.

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